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Application No.: 09/897,453 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR )  
PURIFYING EXHAUST GASES )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend  
the application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Amended) A system for purifying exhaust gases of diesel or gasoline  
multicylinder engines containing, on average, an excess of oxygen, the system comprising  
operational units including:

an oxidation catalyst, a particle separator; and an NO<sub>x</sub> adsorption catalyst ,  
whereby the system reduces the amounts of hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, nitrogen  
oxides and particles present in the exhaust gas.

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